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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the Declaration of Stephen F. Fulghum being in connection with the above referenced application. The following supplements the previously filed Request for Continued Examination mailed on April 1, 2003.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 29-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicant is submitting the Declaration of Stephen F. Fulghum to rebut the basis for this rejection, namely, that the specification allegedly "fails to provide any teaching of structural elements which are to be used to provide for a measurement of fluorescence of endogenous tissue". As indicated by Dr. Fulghum, the specification does teach all the structural elements that are needed to perform such a method. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection.

Claims 15-17, 19-24 and 26-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alfano et al. in view of Lewis et al. and Ito or Nagasaki et al. Claims 18 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the above combination of references and further in view of Sekiguchi.